

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKENMUTH TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
March 4, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Frankenmuth Township Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at 8:00 P.M., at 240 West Genesee Street, Frankenmuth, Michigan.

Present: Haubenstricker, Frahm, Scherzer, Grueber and Reid.  
Absent: Friend, Zoning Administrator

Chairman Haubenstricker called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M., and asked for review and approval of the minutes for February 4, 2014, which were approved after inserting the name, Vette Cowles, the contractor introduced by Mr. Roenicke (see paragraph 4, page 1).

Chairman Haubenstricker called for public comment and noted that there was none.

Chairman Haubenstricker asked for further discussion of the administration of the updating for recording the land divisions/splits and the county's elimination of the original 1987 parcel code numbers which are determinative of the number of buildable residential sites.

The commission noted the township assessor's recordation of land divisions for assessments for real estate tax purposes and decided that the assessor's land division records should not be duplicated by the zoning administrator. The chairman volunteered to meet with the zoning administrator and assessor to determine what would be the most efficient method of recordation for the administration of the zoning ordinance. In the meantime, the commission would take no action for an amendment to the zoning ordinance to authenticate the recordation system.

Chairman Haubenstricker asked Mr. Frahm for an update on the draft windmill ordinance. Mr. Frahm will prepare a draft of the revisions that were approved to date and will have the update for action at the next meeting. The commission also discussed the extensive regulation of the provisions of the draft ordinance and the lesser regulation of the other ordinances. The consensus was that the regulation of windmill farms was necessary in light of the grater intrusiveness, physically and psychotically, of windmills farms. Further, the as to the regulation of communication towers, federal law was a significant limiting factor.

Chairman Haubenstricker asked for further comment on the City of Frankenmuth's adoption of an ordinance which barred any license/permit/zoning district or permitted use that violated federal or state laws. Mr. Reid and Mr. Frahm discussed the Michigan Supreme Court's decision in the Wyoming case, which found the blanket prohibition of activity which violated federal, state or local law to be ineffective to bar a medical marijuana facility and therefore the necessity of reviewing the Michigan township associations' attorney's discussion of limited regulation. The Chairman will discuss the matter with the city officials.

Chairman Haubenstricker asked for other business.

The commission commented of the conclusion, at the last meeting, that the activity of short term rental to tourist was a business activity and is not a use, by right or special permit, in A1 or A2 districts. Further, "Motel" is a defined in the zoning ordinance and the definition is one that includes short term rental to other than short or long term residential tenants.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting would be April 1, 2014 at 8pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frankenmuth Township Planning Commission  
Robert J. Reid, Secretary